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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: Review of Overseas Basing Requirements

The Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) may change some aspects of current military strategies and thus affect some defense programs, including overseas basing arrangements. In particular, there may be opportunities to consolidate U.S. facilities to improve our ability to manage installations in a more efficient and cost-effective manner. Long-term basing requirements will need to reflect any new strategies.

I request that you direct the geographic combatant commanders to prepare, in coordination with their Service component commands, draft master overseas basing plans for their respective areas of responsibility. Their plans should consider opportunities for ensuring joint land use among all Services, where appropriate. They should also take into account the need for training and highlight those areas in which sufficient facilities and opportunities are unavailable. This should assist our efforts, following completion of the QDR, to determine CONUS basing needs as well. Please consolidate the combatant commanders' draft master basing plans and submit in coordination with the Service Secretaries for my review within six months after completion of the QDR.

The point of contact for questions regarding this request is Mr. Pete Aldridge, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Aldridge".

cc: Secretaries of the Military Departments
Commanders of the Combatant Commands

